

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an example of big corporations attempting to influence elections using public airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If Sinclair wishes to require their stations to air politically expressive programs, equal time should be given to each party and candidate. I feel that programming should not be required for all stations, but in order to protect freedom of expression, local stations should be able to air programs that reflect the local community.

I am requesting that Sinclair be required to abide by the law and serve the public interest. Forcing the airing of programs like "Stolen Honor" do not serve the public interest. Thank you for listening to my comments. Elizabeth Burleson